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To: Highways and  
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2415

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-13-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ENFORCE, UNDER  
3 CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PROVISIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI MOTOR  
4 VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION LAW THAT REQUIRE THE DISPLAY OF A VALID  
5 MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. Section 63-13-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 63-13-7. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this  
10 section, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall, not more than  
11 once each year, require that every motor vehicle, trailer,  
12 semitrailer and pole trailer registered in this state be inspected  
13 and that an official certificate of inspection and approval be  
14 obtained for each such vehicle. Each such vehicle must display at  
15 all times a certificate of inspection and approval duly issued for  
16 such vehicle upon the lower left hand corner of the windshield  
17 thereof or upon such vehicle in such position as to be visible  
18 from the outside.

19 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section,  
20 every motor vehicle registered in any other state and operated  
21 over the highways of this state shall be inspected and shall  
22 display an inspection certificate which shall be different either

23 in color or design from the inspection certificates issued for use  
24 on state registered vehicles.

25         However, the Commissioner of Public Safety may authorize the  
26 acceptance in this state of a certificate of inspection and  
27 approval issued under the authority of a qualified agency or  
28 department of another state, provided that every municipality,  
29 county and state office in such other state accepts under a  
30 mutually acceptable reciprocal agreement, Mississippi's  
31 certificate of inspection and approval. The commissioner shall  
32 except from the provisions of this chapter all passenger buses and  
33 other vehicles certified by the United States Department of  
34 Transportation and subject to its rules and regulations and its  
35 periodical inspections.

36         (3) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall require all  
37 school buses in the State of Mississippi to be inspected during  
38 the months of July or August each year and may provide such  
39 special certificate of inspection and approval as he may deem  
40 necessary.

41         (4) A motor vehicle manufactured or having a model year  
42 earlier than 1961 shall not be required to be inspected or to  
43 display a certificate of inspection under the provisions of this  
44 chapter.

45         (5) In addition to members of the Mississippi Highway Safety  
46 Patrol, all law enforcement officers of incorporated  
47 municipalities of this state, within their respective  
48 jurisdiction, may enforce the provisions of this chapter that  
49 require the display of a valid motor vehicle inspection  
50 certificate; provided, however, that a municipal law enforcement  
51 officer shall not stop a motor vehicle for a violation of this  
52 chapter, or charge an individual with a violation of this chapter,  
53 unless the motor vehicle is stopped as a result of some other

54 offense.

55           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
56 and after its passage.